

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1959

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By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, petition of David B. Sullivan and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., for legislation to further regulate exits in buildings used for entertainment purposes. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING EXITS IN BUILDINGS USED FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 97A of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 paragraph (a) the following paragraph:—  
4 (a½) The board of building regulations and standards shall  
5 require the owner of any building or structure or portion thereof,  
6 that includes a place of business designed or used for occupancy  
7 as a nightclub, sport complexes, dance hall, discotheque, bar, or  
8 for similar entertainment purposes, to install a luminescence  
9 egress route to all emergency exits and be placed at floor level.  
10 Said egress routes shall be powered by electricity and have a back  
11 up battery in case of a power failure. Said egress route systems  
12 shall meet state building code and fire code standards for heat  
13 resistance to be a viable safety path in extreme fire and smoke  
14 events.